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## HUDGENS ANNOUNCES ARREST IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSE ARSON

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that a suspect was arrested in connection with a fire last Friday at his home in Washington County.

Larry Smith, 55, of 1719 Jones Road, Sandersville, Ga., is charged with first-degree arson for intentional setting his home on fire. Smith is currently being held in the Washington County Jail.

“The wood frame home, approximately 60-years-old was destroyed,” Hudgens said. “Investigators have determined that Smith used gasoline to start the fire.”

Commissioner Hudgens’ Arson Unit assisted the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Sandersville Fire Department and Sandersville Police Department in the investigation.

